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- X Amendment Accompanying RCE (23 pages)
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In RE to Application of: Irick Jr. *et al.*

Title: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS AND
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF"

Serial Number: 09/662,965 Filed: September 15, 2000 N&R Docket: 05015.365U1

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/862,965
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First Named Inventor	Inick et al.
Group Art Unit	1712
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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